

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 10, 2002 LB 1085, 1309

SENATOR MAXWELL: ...are very concerned about the fate that they're dealt in here. Finally, since I have a few minutes, I'll just mention that my high school librarian e-mailed me yesterday. She's still the librarian. Said, for goodness sake, don't cut the Library Commission. So there are all kinds of reasons I can find to vote yes for this but if I do it will be a nervous yes vote because I'm a no on LB 1085 as it is and I'm not sure if we can find another way that's acceptable to pay for it. So I wish I had a clearer statement to make but that's...that's my thinking at the moment. I will certainly listen to the rest of the debate and we'll see what transpires. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I should say good-bye to my group first up there. I'm missing a good chance to talk with them. Anyhow, Mr. Speaker, members, I guess we all want to get a word in edgewise here or for the record, as you use to say, we don't hear that much anymore, but we always want to get a word in here I guess to justify, maybe to justify our vote. But I do serve on the Appropriations Committee. I'm not necessarily addressing the...this amendment before us by Senator Stuhr or the 15 amendments to follow, but last evening we met and we had a straw vote on many of these issues and I guess we voted then our conscience and our wishes, and many of us didn't get what we wanted. Some did. Nobody got what they wanted on every...every issue. A lot of committees in this Legislature, a lot of committees. Is Appropriations any more important than Health and Human Services? Any more important than Revenue? Revenue any more important? I don't think so. We have Committee, Health and Human Services. What's more important than health and human services? What committee is more important? It deals with our health. It deals with issues. It deals with people. It's very, very important. We have Government that deals with the constitution and so on. I mean what's more important? You know, I don't...I don't know. I can't pick and choose. But I do know we all serve on committees and we do what we have to do. You may kill some of the bills, we may kill some of the bills,